



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Rain Slows Harvesting Activities

Heavy rains on the 4th of July saturated fields throughout the state, drowning crops in some low lying areas and hampering hay harvest. Nevertheless, Maryland farmers had an average of 4.8 **days suitable for field work** to continue harvesting activities. Small grain harvesting continues with **winter wheat** and **rye** harvests progressing 25 percent and 12 percent ahead of the previous week respectively. **Barley** harvest is virtually complete. **Cucumber**, **sweet corn**, and **tomato** harvests are running 9 percent, 6 percent, and 3 percent ahead of the five year average respectively.

While the precipitation may have slightly damaged corn in low lying areas, the moisture was needed to alleviate heat stress from the previous week. **Corn** conditions improved with 10 percent of the crop rated in excellent condition, 64 percent good, 22 percent fair, 3 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor. **Soybean** conditions are also being maintained with 8 percent rated excellent, 55 percent good, 31 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

Soil moisture surplus levels increased over the previous week due to the rain received last week. **Topsoil moisture** was rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus, while **subsoil moisture** was 11 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 2001 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1996-2000
Planting Progress:				
Soybeans	90	81	86	86
Harvesting Progress:				
Rye	70	58	77	68
Winter Wheat	60	35	74	69
Cucumbers	39	31	39	30
Peaches	12	--	8	8
Potatoes	20	16	43	29
Snap Beans	17	15	24	22
Sweet Corn	17	--	10	11
Tomatoes	10	5	6	7
Crop Progress:				
Corn, silked	25	9	20	19
Soybeans, bloomed	9	--	7	4
Tobacco, bloomed	10	--	20	7
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 2 nd cutting	37	30	40	35
Other hay, 3 rd cutting	13	--	4	13
Alfalfa, 2nd cutting	60	42	62	66
Alfalfa, 3 rd cutting	20	15	14	8

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 2001 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	3	22	64	10
Soybeans	1	5	31	55	8
Sorghum	0	4	36	46	14
Tobacco	0	0	43	46	11
Range & Pasture	1	4	34	45	16

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